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The Communicator Thanks All Veterans For Our Freedom.
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Created and Submitted by Lyn Winans in commemoration of "Veteran of the Year".

Remembrance Day

At 11 am., on November 11th, 1918, the guns of both sides fell silent marking the end of World War I.

November 11th came to be known as Remembrance Day - a day each year for Canadians to remember the sacrifice of those who fell during that war and later wars in which Canada took part. The Royal Canadian Legion, as a sacred trust, ensures the continuing observance of Remembrance day on the 11th of November each year with the appropriate marking of the 11th hour.

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Empty Bowls

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Empty Bowls is finally here....

Empty Bowls is a unique fundraising event for the Haliburton 4 C's Food Bank. 10 of Haliburton's fine potters gathered in Fleming's Haliburton School of The Arts Ceramics Studio to create over 120 original pottery bowls. With the purchase of a ticket each guest will receive a steaming and delicious bowl of soup in one of these beautifully handcrafted bowls that will be yours to keep as a reminder of your contribution towards hunger relief. The event is taking place at Fleming College on Thursday, November 17th starting at 6 p.m.

Empty Bowls originated in the United States in the early 90's, with a schoolteacher who wanted to raise awareness of hunger in the world, locally and globally. Since then, Empty Bowls events have spread the world over commonly uniting communities, potters, artists, educators, volunteers, and patrons to raise funds for hunger relief. As the Haliburton 4C's has just recently moved in to a new and exciting sustainably built facility, built by Fleming's new Sustainable Building Design and Construction Program, this year's Empty Bowl's proceeds will go towards the 4C's Food Bank Building Fund.



Fleming College is proud to support this community effort, along with the kind donation of materials from Tucker's Pottery Supplies, the generous donation of time, craft and creativity of Haliburton Potters and the enthusiastic help of the 4C's Food Bank volunteers.

Tickets are \$50 and are available at Fleming College and Haliburton's 4C's Lily Anne facility.

For more information contact April Gates, Studio Technician, Fleming's Haliburton School of The Arts - 457-1680 ext. 6752

“Lest We Forget: A Tribute to Those Who Served” an exhibit at the Haliburton Highlands Museum

Be sure to stop in and visit the Haliburton Highlands Museum, especially sometime in November to view the “Lest We Forget: A Tribute To Those Who Served” exhibit.

This Remembrance exhibit runs through all November. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 during the first half of the month and Wednesday through Saturday in the latter half. And Yes, they are open on November 11th.

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For the past six years Mediacorp Canada Inc. has compiled and published a book detailing "Canada's Top 100 Employers." From its inception the list and the book have been recognized as the most important independent measure of the working environments in Canada's most progressive companies. The Toronto Sun commented that the 2006 list, which has just been announced, "shows spectacular competition among employers to attract and retain quality employees," and the Winnipeg Free Press calls it "one of the most prestigious lists in Canadian business."

This year's list includes such companies and institutions as Price Waterhouse, Microsoft Canada, and Rogers Communications. It also includes Haliburton's own Patient News Publishing and confirms PNP's status as one of the County's most important and influential businesses. For the company's co-founders, CEO Wayne Lavery and President Karen Galley, it's a welcome recognition of the success of their carefully nurtured corporate culture. "We've tried very hard to establish a working and living environment that creates that 'intangible spirit' among our staff that goes a long way towards professional and personal success," says Karen. "We believe passionately in the value of employee empowerment and respect."

Wayne Lavery began developing the concept for Patient News in 1992 following a career in medical marketing. Wayne realized that creating marketing newsletters for professionals through education could develop into long-term, sustainable business relationships if that product remained highly flexible and imaginative. And so the idea of original, individually tailored dental newsletters was born. PNP was formally incorporated in March of 1993, and the first patient newsletter, for Dr. Paul Piccininni of Toronto, rolled off the presses in September 1993.

Wayne had moved to Haliburton to be with his spouse Karen, a

hospitality and marketing specialist, and life-long Redstone Lake cottager who'd been hired as an executive at the Pinestone Inn. The couple soon realized, as Patient News began to flex its muscles and expand throughout the Canadian market, that Haliburton County could provide the perfect location for a fast-moving, high-tech based company. "We really never had any serious doubt that Haliburton could be the headquarters of a company with clients throughout the world," says Wayne. And Karen adds, "We just

assumed that if we couldn't find the right employee here, then that "right employee" would be more than happy to move."

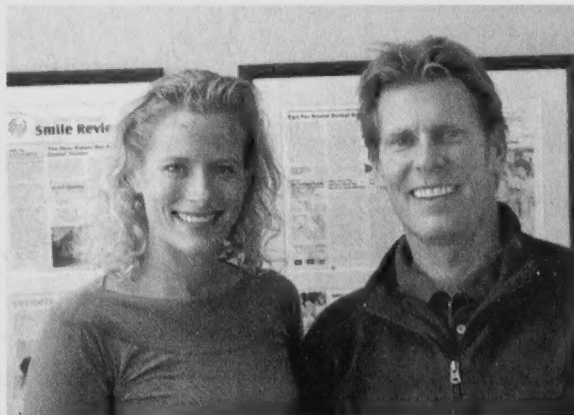
After only two years in business PNP moved to a 2500 square foot facility in Haliburton's Industrial Park and in January of 1997 Karen left the Pinestone and joined

PNP full time. By December of 1997 the company needed another 2500 square feet to accommodate their increasingly complex mailing and printing facilities.

PNP's client base grew remarkably quickly and soon it was the Canadian leader in its field. In the year 2000 they moved aggressively and quickly into the U.S. market. By then the company had 15 full-time employees and over 450 offices subscribing to their newsletter services. The move into the U.S. was soon a great success, and in June 2003 the company moved to its current, 16,000 square foot facility overlooking Grass Lake just outside of Haliburton. This year saw another

carefully planned expansion: this time overseas into the U.K.

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Karen Galley & Wayne Lavery

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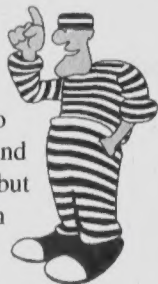
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Dumb Criminals

PHOTO FINISH: Three unidentified men in Everett, Wash., are accused of stealing a camera — out of the hands of a woman who was taking pictures with it. The woman was an undercover police officer in the middle of a surveillance job. Backup officers swarmed the men, who ran. One of them raced off in a pickup truck and was cornered. He jumped out of his vehicle, but didn't put it in park first. The pickup ran him over, making him a bit easier to catch. As the various suspects ran, they dumped incriminating evidence including a gun, drugs, and other items. All three were arrested.



DON'T CALL US, WE'LL CALL YOU: Robert A. Gulley, 25, admits it was "a bad judgment call" to stop by the State Patrol headquarters in Orchards, Wash., to ask for an application for employment as a trooper. He was allegedly legally drunk at the time. Officers warned him not to drive home when he left, but he did anyway, they say. He was stopped by a trooper and arrested for drunk driving. Gulley says he still wants a job with the Patrol. "Those guys are doing their job keeping the roads safe," he says. (Vancouver Columbian) ...Which is why they're not going to hire him.

HISTORY OF THE POPPY

Why was the poppy chosen as the symbol of remembrance for Canada's war dead?

The poppy, an international symbol for those who died in war, also had international origins.



A writer first made the connection between the poppy and battlefield deaths during the Napoleonic wars of the early 19th century, remarking that fields that were barren before battle exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended.

Prior to the First World War few poppies grew in Flanders. During the tremendous bombardments of that war the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing 'popaver rhoeas' to thrive. When the war ended the lime was quickly absorbed, and the poppy began to disappear again.

Lieut-Col. John McCrae, the Canadian doctor who wrote the poem *IN FLANDERS FIELDS*, made the same connection 100 years later, during the First World War, and the scarlet poppy quickly became the symbol for soldiers who died in battle.

Three years later an American, Moina Michael, was working in a New York City YMCA canteen when she started wearing a poppy in memory of the millions who died on the battlefield. During a 1920 visit to the United States a French woman, Madame Guerin, learned of the custom. On her return to France she decided to use handmade poppies to raise money for the destitute children in war-torn areas of the country. In November 1921, the first poppies were distributed in Canada.

Thanks to the millions of Canadians who wear the flowers each November, the little red plant has never died. And neither have Canadian's memories for 117,000 of their countrymen who died in battle.

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of dollars. What's difficult to quantify is the future ripple effect the company's success might have in attracting other, information-based companies to the area. The Canada's Top 100 Employers Award will certainly bring even more corporate interest to Haliburton.

Many industries and business organizations have in-house awards for their members which serve as valuable moral-boosting devices, if little else. But the Canada's Top 100 awards are a truly independent measure. Mediacorp starts with a list of over 50,000 companies whose recruitment policies it tracks for its other publications, notably its Canada Employment Weekly newspaper. After reviewing this information it invites over 6,000 of the companies to complete an extensive application process that includes a thorough review of their operations and employment practises. From this list, about 1,000 employers are analyzed according to seven strict criteria: physical workplace; work atmosphere; health, financial and family benefits; vacation and time off; employee communications; performance management; and training and skills development. Mediacorp also analyzes each employer's charitable efforts and involvement in their community.

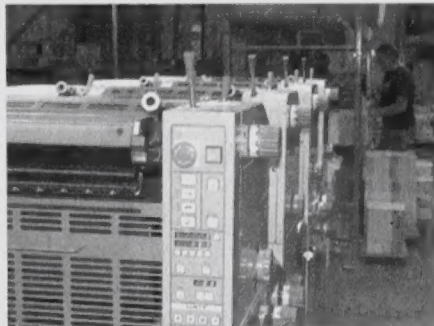
Finally, the applicants are judged by an independent panel of blue-chip business and management professors, which was headed this year by Professor Daniel A. Ondrack of the Rotman School at

the University of Toronto. In choosing the final 100, this academic committee also considered how each employer compared to others in its industry. Not surprisingly, the finalists are almost all industry leaders in their own right.

Tony Meehan, president of Mediacorp, is confident that the list provides the most broad-based and accurate look at employment practices across the country: "We don't really want to do a book about do-gooders," Meehan says. "That's nice, but it not instructive, so it won't catch on. What we're doing is compiling a list of best practises."

The book contains in depth analyses of the winners employment practices and style. For PNP, it lists some of the better-known company perks such as it's day care program, family benefits, in-house gym, and volleyball court. But for Karen and Wayne, it's the acknowledgement of

the direct correlation between employee satisfaction and company success that means the most. Their efforts to build an environment that allows employees to be the best they can be is thus far producing corporate results that are the envy of their industry. For the future, PNP plans to continue to grow in a measured and confident way as it expands into other areas of the service sector with its imaginative and unique products. And it's proof positive that Haliburton County can be a great home for companies with world-wide ambitions and world-class employment practices.



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The Bargain! Shop – Opening November 16 in Haliburton

"...I hope that what we're going to offer this community will mean that fewer retail dollars will be spent in the larger centres."

Haliburton's retail and business landscape has undergone a lot of changes this past year, with Valumart moving off the main street, and Curry Motors soon to follow. At the same time, our local Business Improvement Association (BIA) has done a great job in spearheading a revitalization of Highland Street. And York Street, with the Rails End renovations and the 4 Cs sustainable building project finished, is

also becoming a much more attractive and inviting part of town.



Steve inside the new store

Next week a major retail chain, The Bargain! Shop, opens its new 8,000 square feet plus store in the old Valumart building. Manager Steve Davies and his newly hired staff of 16 have worked weeks to get the store up and running: the space has been totally renovated, and is light, airy, and extremely customer friendly. "I'm very excited about this store," says Steve. "It's the right size, in the right location, for the right community."

Steve Davies has worked for The Bargain! Shop chain and it's previous parent company Woolworths since 1992. He's opened and managed new stores in Port

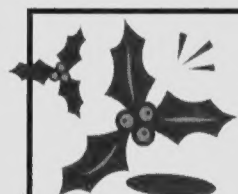
Hope, Lindsay, and Peterborough. His Haliburton store will be his sixth in all. Steve has strong connections to the Haliburton area and has built a permanent home on Soyers Lake on property owned by his wife Jane's family. (Her dad was the late Ross Carver, a well-known Haliburton cottager and later resident who, among other things, was a driving force behind the Haliburton Museum during the 1980s.)

The Bargain! Shop chain numbers some 135 stores mainly in small communities across Canada. It often targets markets which have none of the huge box stores like Wal-Mart hovering on their outskirts, although it still does very well in direct competition with the box store behemoths. "People automatically think that the Wal-Mart's always have the best prices, but it really isn't true," says Steve. "We regularly match or beat them at their own game. And I hope that what we're going to offer this community will mean that fewer retail dollars will be spent in the larger centres."

Steve Davies and The Bargain! Shop company are really serious about prices. They guarantee to beat any price other companies offer in their flyers, for example, by at least 10 percent. And every week Steve plans a different "Big Deal," a loss leader that will be featured in the front of the store.

The Bargain! Shop will feature a very wide range of merchandise, from traditional clothing to bedding, luggage, cleaning products,

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Debbie, Ira & Joanne



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some food products, electronics, health and beauty items, and toys. Steve also says the company provides excellent inventory turnover – “it’s really a great mix of items – I’m more than confident that this community will truly welcome this store.”

Steve’s family, wife Jane and daughters Alison (18) and Stephanie (14) will be staying in Peterborough for the time being. But they can’t wait to join Steve every weekend, along with Jane’s mom, Barbara Carver. When the chance to open and manage a store here in Haliburton came up, Steve took about one second to think it over before saying yes. And he hopes his new Bargain Shop will be an important part of Haliburton’s retail scene for years to come.

The Bargain Shop opens November 16th, and will be open seven days a week.



CHARLES DICKENS, JR VISITS MINDEN AT CHRISTMAS

Dickens Jr. It’s Christmas 1878 and Charles Dickens, Jr. is coming to Minden to read one of his father’s stories, “A Christmas Dinner.” He’s accompanied by his lovely wife, Bessie, and his quick-talking Chicago agent, Jimmy Jones. They’ve taken the train from Chicago to Gelert, and come across country in a horse-drawn cutter.

The 1878 Women’s Institute will greet with cider and goodies. High school students will entertain with Victorian music. There will be a chance to bid on exquisitely decorated Christmas trees or wreaths.

Charles, Jr. is brought to you by Minden Hills Museum, ‘conjurers of great people from the past’.

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Christmas Luncheons – Fun, Great Food & Entertainment Awaits You!

For an afternoon of fun, great food, and entertainment, all in the Spirit of Christmas, be sure to attend one, two or all three of the upcoming annual Christmas Luncheons hosted by Community Care of Haliburton County.

Christmas Lunch in Haliburton

On November 29 is the Christmas Lunch in Haliburton at Win Yeung’s. Chef Alex is preparing 4 items that have never before been served at this restaurant. This will be a Chinese Christmas Feast.

Christmas Lunch in Minden

On December 6, the Christmas Lunch is being held at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Chef Thompson will create a scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings along with bread pudding for dessert. Again, expect great food, good fun, entertainment and surprises.

Christmas Lunch in Harcourt.

On December 14 head to Harcourt at the South Algonquin Cookhouse where Chef Jamie will be preparing a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings along with apple crisp and ice-cream for dessert.

All are welcome to attend, one, two or even all three luncheons – and what a deal at only \$15 per lunch. Call 457-2941 to book your space and enjoy these annual pre-Christmas celebrations that assist Community Care of Haliburton County.



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**Charles Dickens Jr. Visits Minden at Christmas 1878
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Rails End Gallery Grand Re-Opening - November 18th

This past year has seen a remarkable renaissance in the fortunes of Haliburton's Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre. Under the leadership of Board President Donna Enright, the Gallery has completed its renovations, consolidated its new and enthusiastic staff, rationalized its finances, and hosted its first new exhibits.

All of which means, among other things, that it's time for a party! Which is just what's going to happen at 7 pm Friday November 18th, at the Gallery. The Gallery is inviting all its old friends and new supporters to help formally open the exciting new space with an exhibition devoted to the history of the gallery. The exhibit will feature works by many local artists



*Saski
Tentrees
(left)
and
Donna
Enright
(Right)*

who've figured prominently in the history of the Gallery, including Wendy Bateman, George Pratt, Marion Langdon, Rickie Woods, Barbara Joy Peel, Joan and Peter Hoad, to name just a few. This is a great chance for all those who haven't yet seen the new space to sip a little champagne, delight in the fine tastes of Lucy Gray's Crème de la Crème catering, and honour the past, present and future of the Rails End.

The exhibit will also feature collages of photos, newspaper articles and mementos from the Rails Ends' past. A dedicated group of volunteers have been sifting through the archives since late August and the results will delight all those who are part of the Gallery's rich history.

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Ken & Marg Fielding

carefully shepherded their brand new company into the front rank of Canada's small family-owned vintners.

Just over 10 years ago none of the chief players in Fielding Estate had any connection to the wine business. Ken and Marg were running their successful fast food businesses here in Haliburton; General Manager (and son) Curtis Fielding was driving high-performance cars professionally when he wasn't studying business management; and Vinter Andrzej Lipinski was a young Polish immigrant fixing cars and working on building sites. So how did they all get from "there" to "here"?

Firstly, Andrzej got a job at Vineland Estates, and rose through the ranks with startling speed. By 1998 he had created a Reserve Chardonnay and won a Gold Medal at the Vinitaly competition. By 2002 he'd created another Chardonnay that was voted Best White Wine in Ontario.

Curtis, meanwhile, started in the wine business with Andrzej and Duarte Oliviera, who's now Fielding Estate's Vineyard's Manager. And Ken and Marg found themselves increasingly fascinated by fine wines, their variety, and complexity.

The Fieldings have been successful restaurant operators for over 25 years. Since 1987, as master franchisees, they've run the Eastern and Northern division of Subway, with almost 200 franchises under their supervision. Despite the fact that their franchises are located from Peterborough to Ottawa to North Bay and beyond, Ken and Marg have always insisted that Haliburton be their base. They're native Haliburtonians after all (Marg is from Eagle Lake and Ken's from Ingoldsby), so if you don't have to leave paradise, why would you?

One day in the late 1990s, they were chatting about in wines with Marcus Carl, co-owner and sommelier at The Old Country House in Haliburton. Marcus invited them for a tour of the Niagara Vineyards and introduced them to some of the vintners he'd dealt with over the years. Soon the Fielding's interest became something substantially more. Along with son Curtis and his contacts, they set about to learn as much as any one can about the wine business without actually owning and running one.

In 2001 Ken and Marg bought a 20-acre pear orchard on the "Beamsville

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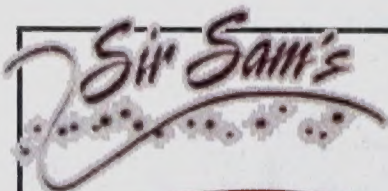
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Curtis Fielding

architects respect their Haliburton roots, and the result is stunning. Ken even managed to use Eagle Lake Dolomite and Haliburton Granite in the barrel cellar. In return, their architects suggested the Fieldings open their winery for tours, and surrounded the work areas with glass walls with magnificent views of Lake Ontario. The Fieldings call it their "Wine Lodge", where the vintages are produced, and where visitors can tour the facility, and taste and buy the wines.



The Fieldings didn't succeed in business without a passionate attention to detail. And you see the care and foresight in every aspect of their winery. The bottle design is sleek and elegant: the labels are simple, even sober. A sense of quality and good taste permeates every aspect of the operation. And, most importantly, the wines are being received with great praise, and a whole slew of awards. This year they won the Gold Medal at the All-Canadian Wine Championships for their 2002 Cabernet Merlot Reserve. Just two weeks ago, influential and knowledgeable wine critic and author Konrad Ejbich gave their 2004 Pinot Noir a terrific review on the CBC (causing the Winery's phones to ring off the hook).

The Fielding family, together with their terrific team, have created something very special in just a few years. They now produce about 8,000 cases a wine a year, and it sure doesn't stay on the shelves. You can buy their wines by using three different methods. You can enjoy them you're your meal at some carefully chosen restaurants across Ontario, including The Old Country House and the Bonnieview Inn in Haliburton, Aqua Terra in Kingston, and the Wolfgang Puck venues in Niagara. You can visit their "Wine Lodge" in Beamsville, just south of Hamilton, and you can also buy them online at their website, www.fieldingwines.com.

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In order to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, 2005 has been designated the Year of the Veteran all across Canada. And in Haliburton County, our local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion will once again be leading Remembrance Day Services, in churches, schools, and of course at Cenotaphs in Minden, Haliburton, and Wilberforce. These moving ceremonies will honour the memory of the men and women who gave their lives for our country in the great wars of the last century.

For many people, the Legion might seem to be chiefly about the past, about honouring memories of far away battles fought long ago. And for some, particularly those brought up in the cities,

perhaps with little or no connection with the military, the Legion is sometimes thought of as just a dark and forbidding private tavern, serving beers and pickled eggs to the old boys and their friends.

But a few hours, or even minutes, spent inside any of Haliburton's Legions would be enough to convince anyone how wrong those assumptions are. The modern Legions are open, busy active institutions that stand at the very centre of our community's life. The range of activities and causes the Legions support and promote touch in some way every person in the County. From

the 4 Cs to Sirch, to Community Care, to

scholarships for our students, social events for seniors and over 50s, dart players, cribbage players, euchre players, you name it, the Legion is there.



The Haliburton Legion:

The Haliburton Legion, for example, each year hosts the annual Track and Field Day for all the County's elementary and junior school children. This is a major event in many kids' lives, teaching them fair competition and sportsmanship. Haliburton Branch is also very proud of its Cadet Corp. As Secretary and Zone Officer Gerry Irish puts it, "we need to look to the future, so the cadet corp was started about 25 years ago as a way of giving our young people a sense of the fellowship and camaraderie the Legion offers." As well, the Branch contributes significant scholarship and bursary money each year to local high school students.

Haliburton Branch President Jean Fletcher agrees that the Legion must be seen as a vital, active organization. "We enjoy a membership of over 800, with a Ladies Auxiliary (LA) of over 60, but we're always open to new members, and new ideas."

The Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is responsible for all those delicious meals that the Legion provides for banquets, conventions, annual meetings, weddings, dances, funerals, you name it that take place regularly at the Legion Hall. This is a major part of the Legion's fundraising, and community commitment. They throw open their doors to almost any community or charitable group at no charge. The group then pays the LA for the excellent meal and service, so the Branch makes some monies, which in turn of course goes back to the community. And, of course, the LA is totally voluntary.

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Minden Branch 636

Minden's Branch 636 received its charter just 17 years ago on September 17th, 1988. President Georgina Parkes proudly points out that the membership now numbers over 450. Since 1990 the Ladies Auxiliary have offered an excellent and inexpensive lunch to the public five days a week. This popular event, totally catered to by the LA volunteers, headed by Madeline Elgie, has proven to be an excellent fundraiser for the Minden Branch. Just recently the Branch wrote a cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation for a tidy \$3500, with a further \$500 earmarked for Hyland Crest.

Mrs. Parkes points out that "we provide a real service for many people in the community who need a place to meet others, and to become involved. The fellowship here is really something to be-



Georgina Parkes & Madeline Elgie

Wilberforce Branch 624

At Wilberforce Branch 624, Dave Burton, President, Elois Somerville, LA President, and Ron Muirhead, Chair of the Poppy Committee, are all hoping that their branch will soon receive a grant to upgrade their facilities. With a membership of almost 300 and an LA of 29, Dave admits their building could certainly use some help. Chartered in April of 1973, the branch is housed in what was once a Laundromat. But that hasn't stopped the branch from being a very active Legion, hosting golf tournaments and fishing derbies, supporting the local Girl Guides and Pathfinders, offering excellent monthly Sunday lunches (every second Sunday from 9 until 12), and even Wildlife Din-

ners. On November 11th, after the colours at the local Cenotaph, the Branch traditionally holds a very well attended full course

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GP Tires Introduces The Maxam ATV



For the past 10 years Glenn Plooard and his spouse Lorraine have been providing the County's car owners with first-rate service and repairs at his garage on Highway 35 just south of Minden. The couple are also dealers for the GP Tire group, and the CarQuest auto parts chain. All three businesses are going full tilt – so you might think that the Plooads would have enough on their plate.

But you might think wrong. Glenn and Lorraine have recently secured the Haliburton area dealership for the new Maxam line of ATVs, the newest entry into the fast growing off road market. The ATV industry has come a long way in the last 10 years. What began as work machines for farmers, loggers, foresters, and hunters has quickly become an important component of the recreational vehicle market. Enthusiasts are forming ATV associations all across the country in order to persuade municipalities and land owners to approve trail networks and to give the sport an official presence. Following the lead of the snowmobilers, the ATVers are hoping their sport can acquire the kind of cross-country acceptance and support the sledders have achieved over the last 30 years. That day may be a long way off, but the new Maxam line of machines, with their low prices and a youthful target market, might just bring that goal a little closer.



Glenn & Lorraine

The company is all-Canadian, based in Sudbury, and produces a line of five ATVs utilizing components from all over the world. The first two models are targeted directly at the kiddie market: the Mini MX 50 retails for \$850, including all prep and delivery, and is a perfect entry vehicle for very young riders, and features a 49 cc engine, speed limiter, tethered kill switch and toggle stop. The MX 70 is next, with 72 cc for \$1499. The mid range machines feature 105 cc and 147 cc vehicles with electric start, 3 speed auto/reverse, and shaft or chain drive. They retail for \$1559 and \$1770 respectively.

Maxam also produces a grown up machine, the MX 250, with 230 cc, 5 speed semi-auto/reverse, front and rear racks and front bush guard. This tough, compact machine provides some real competition for the big boys. It retails for \$3995.

Glenn Plooard says, "The Maxam people are really excellent to deal with. They're dealer friendly, and more important, very customer friendly. They stand behind their product, and they're really proud of their machines."

You can take a look at the Maxam line-up 6 days a week at the Plooads GP Tires Plus at 12170 Highway 35 just south of Minden. For more information you can also contact them at 286-1582.



Local Legions Hold Lots of Regular and Special Events Open To The General Public - All Welcome!!

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President Burton admits, "I get pretty cheesed off when people think we're just some watering hole. These members just never stop in thinking up ways that we can help out. And the level and volunteer commitment is an inspiration."

Join The Legion Near You!

Haliburton's Legions truly represent the best of our community spirit. It's really hard to imagine what the County would be like without them. As Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said recently, "Please hang in there: our Legions are the centre point of our community, and we don't ever want to lose them."

If you're interested in joining the Legion (for a tiny annual fee of \$45) there are three membership categories: Ordinary members, (serving or retired military, RCMP, provincial or municipal police, firefighters and emergency workers); Associate (direct relative of an ordinary member); and Affiliates (voting and non-voting friends of the Legion).

And, just for your information, while Haliburton's Legions donate well over \$40,000 annually in direct contributions to local causes, the Legion nationwide gives over \$14 million each year to charities, in addition to over \$2 million in direct support to seniors, and another \$2 million to veterans, and another \$3.7 million to veterans and seniors housing projects.

Legion Events (All Events Are Open To The Public)

Minden:

Lunch available five days a week from 12 until 2.

Breakfast and light lunch available on Saturdays from 10 until 1

Fish and Chips and Wings and Fries night every Friday from 5 until 7, for just \$6.00. Takeout also available.

Mondays: Art class with artist John Lennard from 10 until 12

Mondays: Cribbage at 7:30

Tuesdays: Bid Euchre at 1:00

Tuesdays: Darts at 7:30

Wednesdays: Meat Draws for a dollar from 12 until 2

Thursdays: Ladies Darts at 1:00 - Euchre at 7:30

Fridays: Darts at 7:30



The Wilberforce Branch

Haliburton:

Tuesdays:

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Wednesdays: Bingo at 7:00

Thursdays: Community Seniors Lunch at 12:00

Fridays: Meat Roll Draws from 4 until 6.

Saturdays: Entertainment in the Club Room in the evening.

50s Plus Pot Luck Supper the 3rd Thursday of each month, with a Speaker.

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Wilberforce:

Wednesdays: Darts at 7:30

Birthday Bashes each month - call for details

Jam Session - 1st Friday of each month.

Meat Draw - Every Saturday from 3:00

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In Saco, women are forbidden from wearing hats that "might frighten timid persons, children or animals."

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Libel and Slander

Libel and slander actions are lawsuits involving the defaming of a person's character. They are often called defamation actions. A person can defame another person's character in two ways. If the defamatory statement is spoken, not written, it is slander. If the defamatory statement is written, it is libel.

In each case, the plaintiff must prove that the defaming words were communicated to a third party. A typical example is the publication of a libellous statement in a newspaper. The plaintiff must also prove that the words complained of actually refer to the plaintiff. It does not matter if the plaintiff is not expressly named in the newspaper provided that he or she is sufficiently identified by a designation or description.

The newspaper statement must be libellous. This means that the words complained of must be capable of libelling the plaintiff and must actually libel that person. The test is whether reasonable people in the community where the publication was made would understand the statement in the newspaper to convey a meaning that discredits the plaintiff. For example, the words themselves may have a double meaning or innuendo. In some circumstances, the meaning of the words cannot be understood by examining the words themselves but must be understood in the context of special facts known to the community in which the plaintiff moves although those facts may not be known to the general public.

There are several defences to a defamation action. The defence of justification is always a complete defence because it involves proving the truth of the words used. The defence of fair comment is more burdensome. The defendant must prove that the words complained of are a comment or opinion based on true facts. The comment must be on a matter of public interest, such as the activities of a municipal councillor, and it must meet the objective test that a fair-minded person could honestly express that opinion based on the true facts. The defence of qualified privilege attaches to certain false statements when made in the discharge of a public duty. An example is a letter from a township clerk to a reeve about the conduct of a certain person which turns out to be erroneous.

Libel and slander actions are difficult lawsuits, technical in nature, and not easily won. In the next column, I will be talking about judgments which bind the world.



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Father and Son Rescued on ATV Trail

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The following is an actual report from a volunteer of the Haliburton ATV Association: Report by: Mark Coles - Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA)

Yesterday Hugh, Steve and I went out riding for the day at Anson Mountain/Sheldon Lake. I had just unloaded my bike when I got a call at 4pm from a guy lost in the bush with his 6-year-old son. No matches, food or water. He got my number off the Haliburton ATV map. His cell phone would work for a few seconds and then cut out. It took about five phone calls back and forth to figure out roughly where he might be. At one point I asked him if he was OFATV and he said sheepishly that he wasn't. I think at first he thought we wouldn't come for him because he wasn't a member ...kind of a CAA thing in his mind.

He had sunk his ATV and both he and his son were wet and cold and had been walking an hour and didn't know where they were. I had the OPP on the other line as well by the third or forth call. So from some of the bridges he described (some of what he said didn't make sense and some did), I had a hunch where he was but he kept talking about a steel bridge (but there is no steel bridge on that trail). I called Hugh and he said he would come with Steve so we all gassed up and headed to Donald where we rendezvoused with the OPP and finalized the plan.

OPP borrowed an ATV from the Haliburton Fire Department and were going to come to the Gooderham south end. Dan Collings was with the OPP group even though he was just off shift because I knew he was familiar with the trail as we have ridden it together and dispatch had passed that info on to the duty officers. We went down the Gooderham trail from Donald. The Gooderham trail, as many who have ridden it will attest, is quite gnarly and pretty much an all day return ride. I wasn't positive that the lost fellow hadn't wandered up Wolf Lake trail somewhere but thought he was probably south of the Telephone Bay Rd. trail.

It was pitch black by dinner hour and I told them to stay put but they were cold so they walked back towards the direction they had come from. Along the way we en-

countered a large pine that had fallen across the trail since the boy and father had passed through. It had been very windy all day. We couldn't get around it so Hugh winched it aside. Further down the trail there was a 40-foot wide washout where a beaver dam had let go and what was left were huge boulders some as big as cars. At first we thought they couldn't have come through there but with flash-light inspection we could see how they got through.

We found them about 3/4 way down the Gooderham trail cold and glad to see us but soaking wet and covered with mud. The little boy had his dad's coat on and was shivering but still full of questions. We finally got a cell connection and aborted the OPP approach from the south. It is doubtful they could have got up from the south anyway as the area was flooded. I winched the bike, which was buried, out of the mud (it was a large flooded area that may have come from another tributary of the washout we saw earlier on-the trail) and we got them warmed up a bit and we brought them out to Telephone Bay Rd. where three OPP cars were waiting. We left him with the OPP and headed north the same way we came down to get back to the trailers.

Happy ending for all but it would have been rough if they were wet like that overnight as the temperature was not far above freezing that night. The guy we rescued said he would be joining the HATVA ... for life

**THAT'S
LIFE ...**

by the Bashful Comic



Submitted by Larry Levely

Your Fav's Will Return

Some of the regular features that normally appear in The Communicator did not appear this issue due to space limitations. We will be bringing back these columns in the next issue and apologize if your favourite is missing. There was just so much to get in, and not as much space as usual.

The crossword, ghost stories, Trundling by Marci, Reflections of the Soul, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Spot the Differences, Max Haines, the maze, Scientifically Speaking, Believe it or Not and other favourites will be back!! Stay Tuned....

A minister decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning. He said "Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever single word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that comes to your mind.

The pastor shouted out "CROSS." Immediately the congregation started singing in unison, "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS."

The pastor hollered out "GRACE" The congregation began to sing "AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound."

The pastor said "POWER" The congregation sang "THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD."

The Pastor said "SEX" The congregation fell into total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other afraid to say anything.

Then all of a sudden, way from in the back of the church, a little old 87 year old grandmother stood up and began to sing "PRECIOUS MEMORIES."

Local Minstrels, Storytellers And Writers Gather For Seasonal Tales

One and all are invited to the second annual "A Writers' Christmas" hosted by The Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle. It will be a social evening of dinner and readings to celebrate the season in the many ways that writers see Christmas.

People will read their own short works, revealing a surprising variety of experiences about the holiday season. Christmas extends its reach to people everywhere. Come out to read or just enjoy good cheer and the stories of others. Special guests will be from The Muskoka North Writers' Circle.

The festivities will be held at the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon on Tuesday, December 6. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. and a buffet supper will be served around 7 p.m.

Call Kay Millard at 286-6635 for tickets or for more information. The cost is \$20 (including tax and gratuities) for a buffet supper. Advance ticket sales only. The restaurant will not be open to the public that evening.

If you wish to read or perform a story or poem, please call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 to have your name added to the program. There may also be time for spontaneous readings at the end of the program.

Crafty Christmas Sale In Gooderham

Get a jump on Christmas shopping at the upcoming Crafty Christmas Sale taking place Saturday November 12 - 10:00 to 4:00 at the Gooderham Community Centre.

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West Guilford Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

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Lunch & Learn with Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library presents a "Lunch & Learn" at Mark's Restaurant in Minden, 11:30am - 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 16. Jack Brezina will talk about his summer on Devon Island in the High Arctic where he worked as a chef for scientists. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch, drink, taxes and gratuity. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, call 754-9747.

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The National War Memorial And The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier

The designer of the National War Memorial was an Englishman named Vernon Marsh. In 1925 his design was selected from 122 entries received during an international competition conducted by the Canadian government.

Marsh had no formal training in art or sculpture. He and his six brothers and one sister, Elsie, made the memorial's components in a garden in Kent, England. Following his death in 1930, Marsh's brothers and sister continued the project, eventually completing the work in 1932.

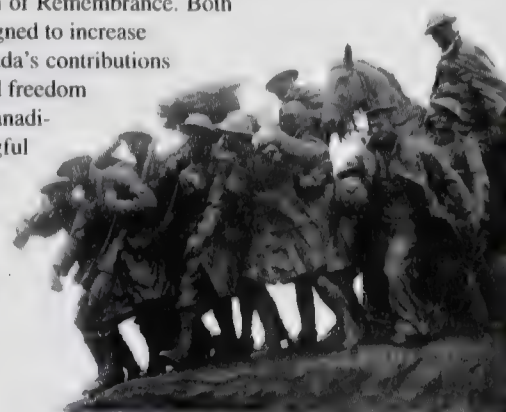
The Memorial was originally displayed in Hyde Park, London, where it received great public acclaim. Some minor changes were made before it was finally delivered to Canada in 1937. For the sea voyage from England, the massive sculpture was broken down into component parts and shipped in 35 containers.

The National War Memorial was unveiled in Ottawa by King George VI in May 1939 before a crowd of over 100,000 people. Canada's National Remembrance Day Service has been held at the site ever since.

The Memorial is in the form of a granite arch, atop which stand huge bronze figures representing Victory and Liberty. Marching through the arch are 22 figures representing all branches of the armed forces which served during World War I. Their faces are hopeful and they leave behind a symbolic unlimbered cannon.

At the base of the National War Memorial is The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb was consecrated and the remains of an unknown soldier from the Vimy area of France entombed there on 28 May, 2000. The implementation of this site was a millennium project of

The Royal Canadian Legion. This project, along with the 2 Minute Wave of Silence, first conducted by the Legion in 1999, was the Legion's end of century effort to renew the commitment of Canadians to the perpetuation of Remembrance. Both projects were designed to increase awareness of Canada's contributions to world peace and freedom while providing Canadians with a meaningful way to mark the sacrifices made and provide a tangible reminder of the horrible toll wars take on a nation.



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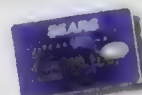
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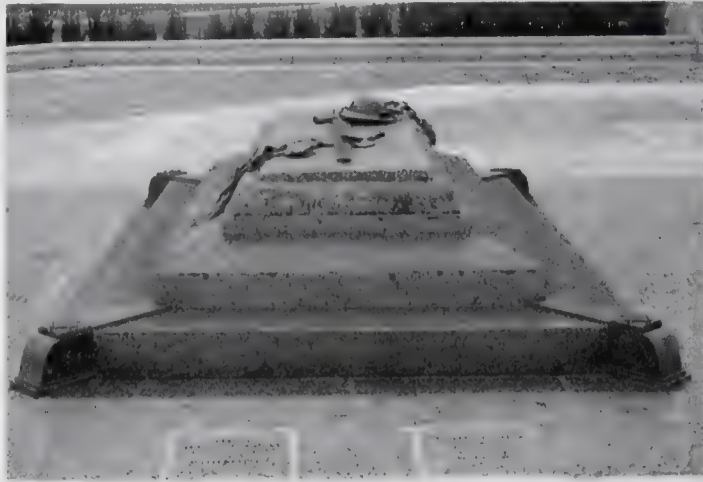
Canadian Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Canadian Tomb of The Unknown Soldier is currently located at the National War Memorial in Confederation Square, Ottawa, built in 1939. The tomb holds an unidentified Canadian soldier who died in France during World War I.

The body of the soldier was formerly buried near the memorial at Vimy Ridge, Pas-de-Calais, France, the site of the first major battle where Canadian troops fought as a combined force. More specifically, the soldier was at the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery in Souchez, in Plot 8, Row E, Grave 7, only a couple of kilometers from the Vimy Memorial. At the request of the Canadian government, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission selected one of the 1,603 graves of unknown Canadians buried in the vicinity of Vimy Ridge.

The remains of the soldier were exhumed on the morning of May 16, 2000 and the casket was flown in a Canadian Forces aircraft to Ottawa on May 25, accompanied by an honour guard

which included a chaplain, Royal Canadian Legion veterans, and representatives of Canadian youth. In Ottawa, the unknown soldier lay in state for three days.



On the afternoon of May 28, the body of the unknown soldier was transported from Parliament Hill to the National War Memorial on a horse-drawn gun carriage provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, and His Excellency John Ralston Saul, the Prime Minister of Canada Jean Chrétien, veterans, Canadian Forces personnel, and members of the RCMP were in the funeral procession. Then, with appropriate ceremony, the body of the un-

known soldier was re-interred in a sarcophagus in front of the War Memorial.

The tomb is 3.5 metres (12 ft) long, 2.5 metres (8 ft) wide and 1 metre (3 ft) high. It is built of Caledonia granite originally quarried in Rivière à Pierre, Québec and it has a bronze relief sculpture and four bronze corner pieces. The bronze work was designed by Canadian artist Mary-Ann Liu and cast in Roberts Creek, British Columbia. Both the tomb and sculpture reflect some of the themes and style of the Vimy Memorial designed by Canadian artist Walter Seymour Allward.

At the former burial site of the unknown soldier, a grave marker similar to the other headstones in the Cabaret-Rouge Cemetery has been placed on the now-empty grave. The marker is inscribed with these words: *The Former Grave Of An Unknown Canadian Soldier Of The First World War. His Remains Were Removed On 25 May 2000 And Now Lie Interred At The National War Memorial In Ottawa Canada.*

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Mark Bangay describes himself as a jack-of-all-trades, and for once the description truly seems to fit. Mark started his professional life as a Cordon Bleu chef, graduating from their Ottawa school (with side training in Paris) in the 1980's. At that time Cordon Bleu had an arrangement with Haliburton's Domain of Killien whereby the top students did some of their training at the Domain. When Mark graduated at the top of his class the Domain hired him straight away.

Soon Mark met and married Haliburton's Alison Bain and they shortly moved to Ottawa where Mark continued to work as a chef. So much for career number one. Fascinated by electronics, and not so fascinated by the extremely long hours with relatively low pay that was then typical for chefs, Mark enrolled at Algonquin College in their Computer Engineering Department. He also managed to pursue another of his life-long passions: firefighting.

For three years Mark was a volunteer firefighter with the Stittsville department (just outside of Ottawa) and then joined the Ottawa department for another two years of service. In the meantime, he graduated from Algonquin and went to work for Nortel at the height of its worldwide expansion. Mark and Alison eventually moved with Nortel to Toronto, and conveniently left just as the company was, as they say, downsizing. Mark counts himself very lucky that he didn't have their savings in Nortel stocks!

In 2003 Mark and Alison moved back to Haliburton with their two children, Devon (7) and Christopher (5). Doug Hardy, the owner of Video City, wanted to expand his computer services department, and Mark soon took over as manager. For the last two years he's been successfully building a client base throughout the County providing a wide variety of computer support and service, to both individuals and companies. He's a specialist in creating computer networks, but he's also just as happy to help you clean up that

Meet Mark Bangay - Firefighter

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"I still love the creativity and satisfaction of cooking," says Mark, "but I don't miss the conveyor-belt atmosphere of large restaurants and hotels. I find the computer business challenging and creative as well – and I think it suits me best."

And there's also that continuing passion for firefighting. "We all know that we need to give back to our communities: I'm really lucky that I can help out with the Fire Department, doing something that I love to do." Mark's been a member of Haliburton's Department for almost two years now, and is also involved with ongoing professional training for the County's fire volunteers.

Mark's also part of the Living Water team that, under the leadership of Haliburton's Barry Hart and the Lakeside Baptist Church, will be going to Guatemala in the spring of next year to help

bring water to villages. Mark's excited by the prospect, both at the opportunity to help, and to connect with people from another culture.

And if you're interested in helping out the Living Water mission, Mark suggests you simply call him at Video City at 457-1582 or call the Lakeside Baptist, at 457-2851.



Mark Bangay at work at Video City in Haliburton.



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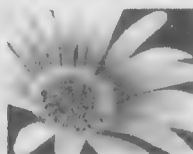
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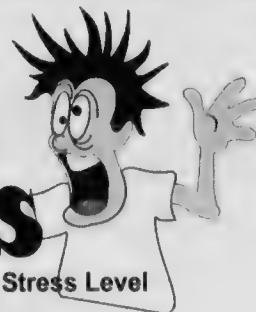
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Darla Searle – Serving ‘Not Your Average’ Arena Food...

Darla Searle lived in Haliburton during the 1980s where she was worked for the Association for Community Living as well as at many different area resorts, notably the Pinestone and Sir Sams. Her parents were also in the resort business in the late 1980s, so she's certainly no stranger to the hospitality industry. In 1990 she moved to Oshawa, and, as she puts it, "I've spent the last 15 years trying to find a way to move back."

Finally, this year, now with husband Steve, daughter Elaine (11) and son Stuart (8) she's finally made it. And when the Municipality of Dysart put the Arena snack bar business out to tender, Darla went right after it. And now, just a month or so into the season, hockey players, skaters, and figure skaters of all ages are really glad she did.



Darla was determined to offer a wider menu than that which is usually found in arenas. While fries and gravy will probably always reign supreme for that essential between periods snack, Darla thought that there was a lot of room for, shall we say, slightly healthier choices. To that end she's added a wide variety of items to the menu and so far the additions have been a hit. Although she jokes that "everyone says, great, a healthier menu, and then orders the fries," in fact her veggies and dip and Caesar's Salads are becoming increasingly popular. For a lot of parents, and their children, who spend a whole lot of hours at the rink, any alternative to the admittedly terrific fries would be welcome.

Darla also offers terrific Grilled Chicken Breast on a Bun with lettuce and tomatoes, Yoghurts and Granola Bars, Bagels and Creams Cheese, excellent Oktoberfest Sausages with Sauerkraut, Haddock and Pizzas. She also makes "Darla's Delights", which are all kinds of treats from homemade Banana Bread and all manner of cookies.

This past June Darla graduated with her Educational Assistant's Diploma, and hopes to be able to land a place with the Trillium Lakeland's Board during this school year. And since the arena snack bar is only open from 3 pm until 7 pm, Darla thought it was one of the

Darla cont's pg. 26...

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Folk Society Open Stages Find A "Home" In Haliburton

The Haliburton Folk Society was started informally in 1997 with Open Stages being held at the old Wild Oats Café on Pine Street in Haliburton. Through the years the Open Stages have provided dozens of Haliburton County musicians of all ages with a truly friendly and supportive audience. And when you're just starting out, friendly is definitely what you need.

The Open Stages have found many a locale over the years, including most recently the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon. But now Peter Smith, owner of the Internet Café on York Street opposite the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, has stepped up and provided space for the twice-monthly Stages, as well as for the Folk Society's concerts.

Last Saturday night the Internet Café hosted the first Open Stage and the audience of over 50 were very pleased with the venue, and

with its sound. Peter Smith has also secured the space next door to accommodate his expanding business and when the two spaces are renovated and put together, the venue will be even more attractive.

The Folk Society's next Open Stage will be on November 19th, with Albert Saxby as host. And the Society's last concert of the year will feature the well-known Ottawa group Finest Kind, on November 26th at 8 pm, also at the Internet Café. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for Folk Society Members) and will be available at the door, or before hand at the Internet Café and at Golden's Stationers in Minden.

The open stages will continue and are held on the first and third Saturdays of each and every month. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the open jams, or bring along your instrument and join in by becoming a performer!!

While anyone can come and enjoy an evening of entertainment, there are also great benefits to becoming a Folk Society member as well. If anyone is interested in joining the Haliburton Folk Society please email Eric Lilius at elilius@halhinet.on.ca, or phone him at 754-9859. Membership is only \$10 a year.



Eric Lilius (left) and Peter Smith (right) stand in front of Highlands Computer Services in Haliburton - New home of the open jams (York St. Haliburton)

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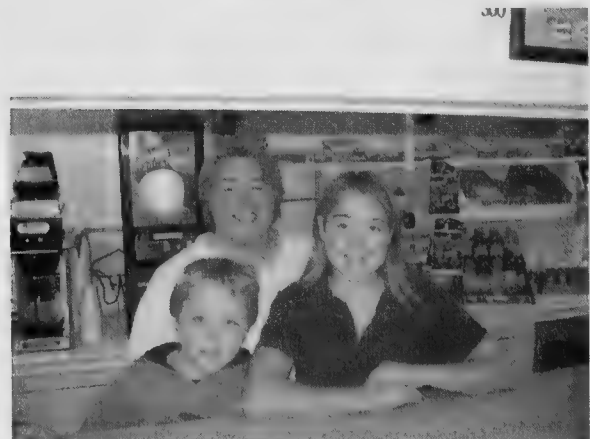
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Darla with her children Stuart & Elaine

few jobs that would be compatible with the school day (and everyone has more than one job, don't they)?

Darla credits her daughter Elaine with being a great help at the snack bar ("her maths are improving daily"), and even young son Stuart pitches in when he can. Another Haliburton family business, arena style.

The arena snack bar is open from 3 pm until 7 pm Monday to Friday, Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm, as events warrant, and Sunday from 10 am until 9 pm, again as events warrant.

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The evening starts with wine tasting featuring the vintages of Lacey International. Delectable finger food created by Lucy Gray of Crème de la Crème will be served as you browse through the many items being offered in the silent auction. Last year the silent auction featured over 80 pieces from some of the most outstanding artists of the Highlands and beyond. Minden auctioneer Norm Mills will manage the live auction for the evening.

This year the donors have added some special and exciting items for your consideration. Arts Exposed is a fun evening for everyone.

Admission is just \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets are available by calling 286-4419, or from Foundation Directors: Jack Brezina, Michael Fay, Bill Lambie, Elly Malcolmson, Klara Oyler, Georgina Parkes, Wayne Rose, Fred Simmons and Debbie Wales. The fun begins 6 p.m. with the close of Silent Auction tables starting at 7:00 p.m.



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Highlands Little Theatre presents 'Opening Night'

*Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion,
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November 26th*

It is opening night for a new theatrical production called *Whisper on the Wind*....an exciting moment in every theatre company's evolution. The theatre is alive with the magic of the moment....opening night jitters, the buzz of the crowd, the anxious director....and everything that can go awry is about to.

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Highlands Little Theatre brings the craziness of "Opening Night" to the Haliburton stage with uproarious and side-splitting results. Directed by Jack Brezina and Curtis Eastmure, the play opens at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, at the High School in Haliburton on Wednesday, November 23 for a four night run.

"Opening Night" features eight actors from our community, including, Brendan Berube, Benton Brown, Peter Forgrave, Dianne Hagerman, Mike Jaycock, Kris Kadwell, Rosanne Nichol and Juliane vanLieshout. Maureen Johnson is the stage manager.

Tickets for the four productions of "Opening Night", November 23, 24, 25 and 26, are now on sale. Reserved seats are available at The Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and The Storeroom in Minden. Tickets are \$15.

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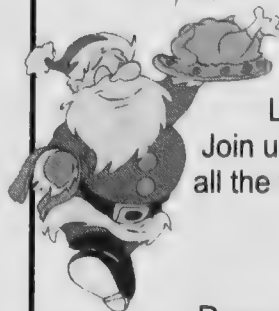
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Location: The South Algonquin Cookhouse

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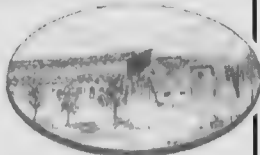
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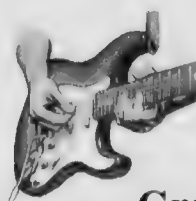
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The Music Scene

What's Happening Locally

Great Entertainment Line Up At The Haliburton Legion

by Chris Briggs

There is a lot of great entertainment coming up on Saturday nights in our clubroom downstairs. Starting Nov. 5- with Hughes and Wilson. This duo is strongly influenced by the Legion and has a cd that reflects on the Remembrance theme. On Nov. 12 is Doug D'Elvis McKenzie. This gentleman does 50's and various other music, plus an Elvis rendition - and maybe other impressions. Nov. 19- is Peter Bracket a new comer to the Branch, so everyone come out and support this gentleman and give him a warm welcome to our Branch. On Nov. 26- is Willie & The Poor Boys who are from Wilberforce and are always a crowd pleaser. Dec. 3- is Gary Peters also a new comer to the Branch who would also enjoy a warm welcome from Branch 129. Then on Dec. 10- is our local favourite Riff Raff. Then on Dec 17 will be Champagne Country, now that sounds absolutely bubbly. The Branch will not have entertainment on Dec 24 as it is Christmas Eve. But The Black Fly Boogie Band will be our hosts to ring in the New Year on Dec 31/05 and this will be held upstairs in the hall. More details will follow. Hope to see everyone out and enjoying the entertainment that Haliburton Branch 129 has to offer. Also don't forget we have darts on Tuesday nights starting at 7:30pm downstairs, Bingo upstairs starting at 7:pm on Wednesday night, Friday is our famous meat draw starting at 4:30pm going to 6:30pm with six prizes given away every half hour. We also have a shuffleboard table and two pool tables for your entertainment pleasure. So if you are interested in checking out what the Legion has to offer or if there is anything you need to know just call 457-1724 and ask for Chris. Hope to see you soon.

Haliburton County Folk Society Presents:

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Finest Kind is a remarkable folk trio from Ottawa, whose exquisite harmony singing and brilliant vocal arrangements are bringing a fresh sense of excitement and discovery to the performance of old songs. The trio's glorious sound, served up with easy-going humour, has won a devoted following across North America.

You have a chance to experience this band live on Saturday, November 26, 8pm at the York St Internet Cafe, 28 York St, Haliburton.

Tickets are available at: Highland Computer Services - 28 York St, Haliburton - 457-8880 or in Minden at Golden Stationers - 108 Bobcaygeon St. - 286-2110.

The trio's amazing vocal blend has been called "molecular bonding" by one reviewer. "Any closer", he says, "and they wouldn't be allowed to do it in public." Audiences invariably

Christmas Tree & Wreath Auction (And Cookie Caper)

Minden Museum, November 22nd - 26th, 9am to 5pm

Want a new look to your tree this season? Or maybe you don't have a tree and would like a nice one. Either way, you won't want to miss this year's Christmas Tree Auction & Cookie Caper being held November 22-26 in Minden.

Take in the wonderful array of decorated trees & wreaths, available by silent auction. Trees & wreaths will be available for viewing Tuesday to Friday in a downtown location. Auction results will be revealed on Saturday evening at the Dickens Christmas Program.

No need for you to have to slave over a hot oven this season. Purchase your Christmas Baking on Friday evening. Choose from the vast assortment of seasonal goodies offered by their wonderful volunteers.

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Dickens Christmas Program...

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It's Christmas 1878 and Charles Dickens, Jr. is coming to Minden to read one of his father's stories, "A Christmas Dinner." He's accompanied by his lovely wife, Bessie, and his quick-talking Chicago agent, Jimmy Jones. They've taken the train from Chicago to Gelert, and come across country in a horse-drawn cutter.

The 1878 Women's Institute will greet with cider and goodies. High school students will entertain with Victorian music. There will be a chance to bid on the exquisitely decorated Christmas trees or wreaths.

Charles, Jr. is brought to you by Minden Hills Museum, 'conjurors of great people from the past'. For more details, call Carol 286-3154 or museum@minden.on.ca



School Daze!!

By Christine Carr

With first semester half over, and midterms already here, students are feeling the pressure, with the second busiest time of the semester already here. The school year is moving along rapidly, with field hockey now being over, as well as the guy's soccer team. The Nordic Ski Team will be starting shortly, and wrestling just started up as well. The football team is still going strong; however, even that is just about over now. The SAC, along with others, has been selling bracelets to raise money for Pakistan Relief, so hopefully we can reach our goal of \$2000, with donations going to the Red Cross. We once again had our annual Remembrance Day ceremonies, and they went well, as always, being a touching reminder of the horrors of war. Our annual Tributes showcase is also fast approaching, with students preparing for the shows they plan to put on. All in all, the last couple of weeks have gone well, and we only have half a semester left, with Christmas and exams fast approaching!

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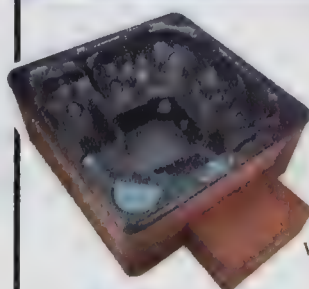
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STRONG MEDICINE: Randall J. Smith, 50, an osteopath in Oregon City, Ore., admits he told a 47-year-old patient that he could heal her pelvic pain with special massages, which progressed from there. "He told her that his medical treatment involved having sex with him," said Oregon senior assistant attorney general Rodney Hopkinson. "We had a

good case that the sex occurred many times" over a period of over a year. Since the "treatments" were consensual, prosecutors could not charge Smith with a sex crime; instead, they charged him with billing fraud, since he charged the Oregon Health Plan for the sex sessions. Per his plea agreement, Smith must serve 60 days in jail and 18 months of probation, pay \$1100 in fines, and perform 200 hours of community service. He also lost his medical license

EEEEK! Iran's Police Directorate of Public Education has issued an "alert" to warn of the dangers of "Internet Addiction". The police agency says the net has dangers which have "no other repercussion but to inflict depression, weakness in faith, and tens of other forms of psychological and social damage," such as "psychological and spiritual tensions in families." ...All of which will be documented in a cautionary film, "Surfer Madness".

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Mario Ricci: A Tragic Situation Turned Into Lasting Memories & A New Hobby Turned Career ...

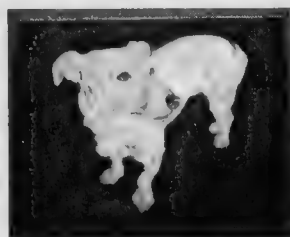
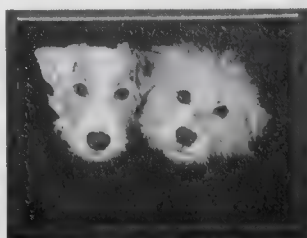
"This is my paradise, this is my reality. Toronto's not my reality anymore, even though I still need to live and work there. Haliburton's the place that truly speaks to my soul," says artist and high-end advertising art director and producer Mario Ricci in the living room of his comfortable cottage deep in the Haliburton woods.

Hank Williams is on the stereo, the cast-iron wood stove is pumping out the heat, spouse Gail is on a romp with their two beloved dogs, Bella and Flint through the crazy-quilt of a Haliburton autumn, and Mario's just produced two of the finest Lattes you'll ever want to taste.

"Quite simply, I've fallen in love with Haliburton," says Mario. "We spend as much time here as business allows – and more. And it's not just the landscape, although that is truly inspirational. It's the feeling of community, I think, of a kind of respect for neighbours, for privacy."

A few years ago a major event shook Mario's life: he lost his beloved dog, Corragio, at age 13 to cancer. Corragio was a part Shepherd, part Akita, that had become, as some pets do, an essential part of the fabric of Mario's life. As he nursed Corragio during his final months and weeks, he began to reflect on just how magical the bonds between humans and dogs can be. As time went on, Mario and Gail acquired two new furry friends, Bella and Flint. Soon, the Mario began to create unique and powerful paintings of his pets, and thus began the latest phase in his career.

Using exclusively oils, and working with painstaking care, Mario



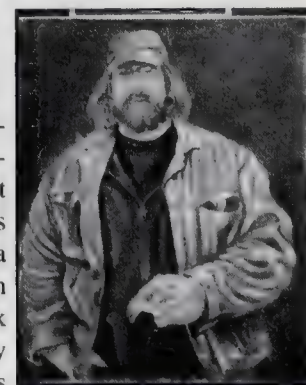
is now painting portraits, on commission, of people's beloved dogs. He doesn't work from photographs alone – he needs to feel a personal connection with the animals. And the work is intently detailed and very powerful. Each piece takes him up to a month to complete, but, as Mario says, "seeing an owner's eyes light up when they first see their painting gives me great joy. I know so well that these are not just pictures of dogs, but of family members that we love so much and share our homes and lives with every day."

Mario also accepts commissions for portraits of people, and of course for his beloved landscapes. But he finds pet portraiture truly inspirational. "There's nothing more exciting than to capture a dog's true character, personality and likeness in oil. Each dog is unique, and my job is to capture the joy, love, and most importantly the spirit of the animal that the owner sees and lives with everyday."

As anyone who truly loves dogs will attest, that is one immense challenge. But Mario Ricci's work proves that it can be done, and a unique spirit be preserved as a work of art forever.

Mario is hoping that this hobby turned new career opportunity will help him make the "big leap" from the city and move here full-time, like so many other writers and artists have over the last number of years.

He's just in his early 40's, and has had a career that's been intensely successful. He graduated in fine art and illustration from the Ontario College of Art in 1984. The son of first generation Italian immigrants, he was expected to work, not just paint, and within two weeks of graduating joined a small "boutique" advertising agency as an artist and art director. The small size of the agency, and the creative generosity of his bosses allowed Mario's creativity and imagination to soar, fast and far. Soon he was work-



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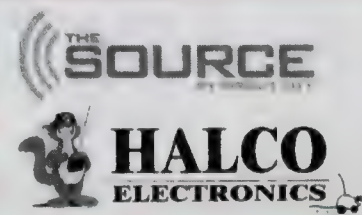


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At that level the ad world can be an extraordinarily demanding, and intoxicating mix of power, money, and intense pressure. The stakes can also be almost impossibly high, and although the rewards are huge, the toll on what's left of your personal life can also be significant, if not overwhelming. "Private jets, celebrities, cigars, all the clichés are really true," says Mario, "but you quickly learn to put them in their place, and get on with your work."

During the 1990s Mario began to work exclusively on his own, offering his services through his own company. He's a self-described "conceptual person" with a huge ability to distil and synthesize complex ideas into one essential thrust, or thought. This ability can convey a huge benefit to advertisers faces with a dauntingly complex and fragmented media marketplace. Once Mario has focused a campaign, he puts it all together, hiring the writers, directors, producers and so on that he feels match perfectly each individual product. By working this way he avoids at least some of the stresses and strains of corporate and creative politics – and has an enviable control over his work, and life.

But still, the pull of the Haliburton Highlands can be awfully strong. And as Mario continues to receive commissions for his powerful portraits his Haliburton dreams might just soon come true.

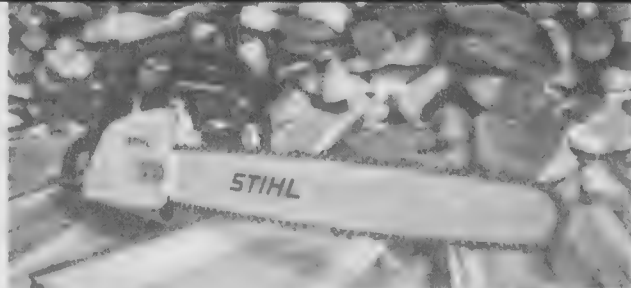
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Urban Legends

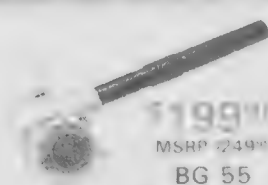
The Message Under the Stamp

During the war a soldier faithfully wrote his mother every week so she would know he was all right, until one week she didn't get a letter and immediately began to worry. Within a couple of weeks she got a letter from the Army saying that her son had been captured and was being held in a Prisoner-of-War camp, and they assured her that they had no reason to believe the American prisoners were being mistreated in any way. A few weeks later the woman finally received another letter from her son, it read: "Dear Mom, Try not to worry about me, they are treating us well and I'll be released as soon as the war is over. Make sure that little Teddy gets the stamp for his collection. Love you, Joe" The woman was overjoyed to hear the news, but was confused because she had no idea who "little Teddy" was. She decided to steam the stamp from the envelope and have a look. When she did she saw that written on the back of the stamp were the words: "They've cut off my legs".

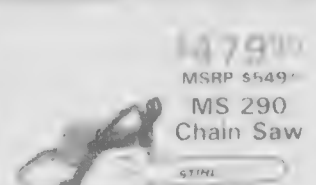


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Stickland Antiques: A Stone's Throw Away ... But No Throwing Stones Here....

At Chris Stickland's house and antiques emporium in Harcourt, you definitely don't throw stones. With an inventory of over 45,000 bottles, yes that's 45,000 antique bottles and mason jars, you need to walk straight, and make no sudden movements. And Chris' amazing collection is just one part of his new business, which is "open to the public whenever I'm here, which is most times", says Chris.

Stickland Antiques opened formally for business just this past August, but Chris and his father Peter Stickland have been collecting antiques for over 30 years. Peter, who died in 2001, was a well-known journalist who wrote for many regional newspapers across the country, as well as for the Toronto Star. Peter and his wife bought a house in Harcourt as a retirement home in 1984 where he began to build up and organize the bottles and antiques he'd collected during his travels all over the world. Since his parents passed on, Chris, who's retired, and his spouse have taken over the house and added his considerable collection to his Dad's – and the results are fascinating.

Chris Stickland worked for many years as a chemical technician for General Electric in Oakville, but he shared his father's love of antiques, and in particular antique bottles. The collection is obviously extensive – in fact there are still cartons of bottles that Chris has yet to catalogue properly – and some of them are extremely rare and valuable pieces. This last year Chris built an attractive gazebo extension to his house, which now acts as a showroom for antiques, and for some of the bottle collection. But to appreciate the collection in full, you need to spend some time in Chris's study – and throughout the house – where the walls are lined with these beautiful and unique glass pieces.

Chris has a fine eye for antiques as well – he works part-time for local auctioneers, and actively buys and sells new inventory both

from auctions, and from yard sales. He also inherited from his Dad a couple of simply fabulous antiques that you can tell he could hardly bear to part with. Perhaps the most unique and valuable piece is a set of original, Flint Lock rifles that date from the epic 1803 battle for the Khyber Pass along the border between Afghanistan and what is now Pakistan. The famous stand by the Afghans against the British took over 38,000 British lives – and the Afghans won. Many of the British rifles naturally ended up in Afghan hands, where they were embellished with

mother-of-pearl and kept immaculately (they're still in working order). Chris has a set of two, perfectly preserved, and worth thousands of dollars apiece.

Chris also has a fascination with ships in bottles, and if you ask politely, he'll show you one of his most unusual artefacts – one he constructed himself. He's the proud creator of what is almost certainly the smallest ship-in-a-bottle ever created. It's so tiny that Chris had to construct it using powerful microscopes to actually see what he was doing. The bottle itself is a tiny, one half millimetre long LED light taken from an ordinary circuit board. The ship itself is constructed from wood delicately shaved from toothpicks. The naked eye can't even see the ship inside its bottle, it's so tiny! When Chris was constructing it, the operation was so delicate that as he would add one part of the ship to another, he couldn't even breathe for fear the infinitesimal pieces would blow away. He had to ever so gently complete one section of the task, turn away and take a very quiet breath, then back to the work.

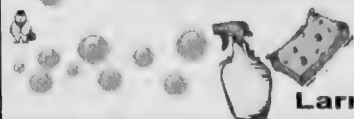
The Guinness Book of Records hasn't certified the work as the World's Smallest – the paperwork and authentication documents are truly overwhelming – but Guinness has said privately they think it gets the prize. You can only view the finished work through a microscope, of course.

Chris Stickland's collection is constantly changing as he adds more carefully chosen pieces. And there certainly are a lot of reasons to visit Stickland Antiques, at last count over 45,000 of them, in fact. Stickland Antiques is located at 3837 Highway 648 just past the Welcome to Harcourt sign. Chris is open most days of the week, but for an appointment just call 448-3213.



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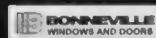
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*Who Dun It Solution:
 From Pg 38*

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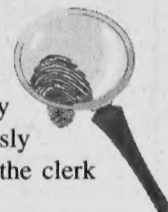
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Who Dun-it?



Detective Minden raced to the scene of the robbery at the local gas station in Ingoldsby. He cautiously entered the front door of the store part where the clerk anxiously awaited him.

"Hi Mrs. Longtale, what happened here?" asked the detective.

"It was a man on a motorcycle. I was robbed! He just took off out the door and jumped on his motorcycle, kind of like they jump on horses in the old western movies. He must have had his bike still

running because he never hesitated for a moment from the time he got the money. He just clung onto the money box, flew out the door and jumped on the bike and was gone!!" explained Mrs Longtale.

"What did he look like? Did you get a good look at him?" asked the detective.

"He looked pretty normal really. He was maybe 6 feet tall and needed a shave. I didn't think much about his appearance at the time. I was too scared because he was pointing a gun at me. I just kept praying that he wouldn't shoot me," exclaimed the clerk.

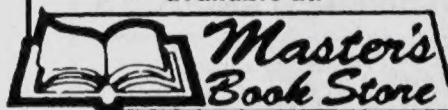
Minden stared at Mrs Longtale, shook his head and said, "Sometimes I think there are more robberies around here than there are robbers. You'll be coming down to the station with me until we can get the truth out of you Mrs Longtale. Now lock up the shop and let's go."

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Haliburton Sears Appliances & Catalogue Store Moves

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Sears Appliances and Catalogue store made the move effective Oct 31st to the new location which they feel will better serve their customers due to much more space for convenient parking and much more space to invite more product line to their showroom.

Sears identified Sears's owners Martin and Angela Russell as needing a larger location due to the huge customer support in the community. "It's due to customers support that we will be able to offer more products and service to our area," says Martin. "It's just out of town yes, but I

would say to our customers this. Remember trying to pick up your items in the middle of July or August downtown? This will definitely make life easier for the customers."

January 26th, 2006 is the date set for the official completion of the store which plans to introduce more in store products such as a larger appliance department with brand name appliances, exercise equipment, stereo and electronics, patio sets and barbeques. More storage will also mean opportunity to stock some "Hot Buy" products so the customer can take them home "Today", says Martin.

For now the showroom is right up front, as the renovations continue. Eventually plans are for the showroom to be inside the "old garage part", which will open up 3000 square feet of retail space, and the front part will offer up around 1500 square feet of seasonal product.

The store now offers extended hours which are Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m to 5:30 p.m and of course has kept the same phone # 457-1170. If you haven't

seen the new location yet, a good time to check it out is the weekend of Nov 11th & 12th as the store is again offering customer appreciation days with coffee, donuts, prizes, giveaways, in store specials and lots more.



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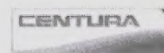
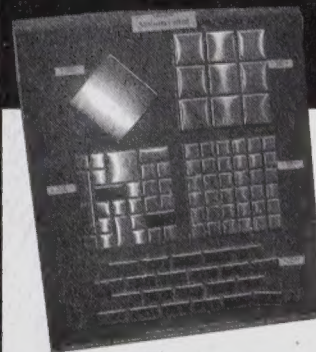
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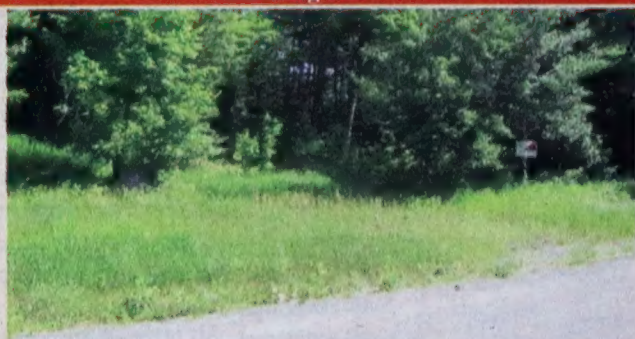
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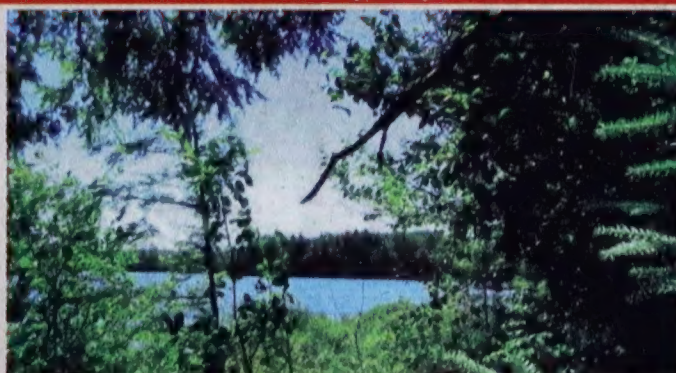


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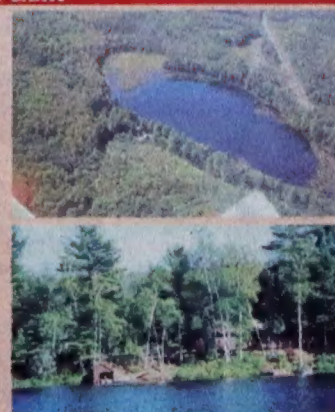
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